

zero toward the end of the decade, roughly the surplus during that decade will be about \$780 billion. So we are going to borrow the entire surplus collected to pay the benefits of retired Americans; of course, not Mr. Raymond, he is not too worried about it, but other Americans, and we are going to give that as a tax break to people who have estates worth more than \$25 million.

Isn't that great? And they say this is about small business and family farms. No, it is about feeding those who have given so generously to you. This is the contributor class that we are talking about here, and the contributor class is awfully generous and has been incredibly generous to George Bush over his political career and extraordinarily generous to the Republican majority here in Congress.

So, it is not too much to ask that they should pass a bill that gives them a \$762 billion windfall, hands the bill to working Americans, and they hope to stay in power. A very sad day for the United States House of Representatives.

#### PUERTO RICO'S BORDER WAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, more news from the front. The border war continues, and today this dispatch comes from the weakest 272 miles on the second border of our Nation.

This could be a postcard from that front, snapshots of illegals all across the beaches here running ashore, coming from this boat called a yola. We see here a Blackhawk helicopter.

This invasion started in one Caribbean island and lands on another Caribbean island. This boat is packed with hundreds of illegals. They ride the waves that carry them to a new existence in these primitive boats. They wash ashore on the most advanced country in the world, a superpower.

Mr. Speaker, this looks like a naval invasion from World War II in one the Pacific islands.

This boat was spotted by the Border Patrol, and even though there may be 100 or 150 individuals that are illegally entering Puerto Rico, only 10 to 12 of them will actually be arrested. Sometimes the Border Patrol is not this lucky and doesn't find any of these individuals.

I have spoken to border agents who patrol Puerto Rico, and they have arrested individuals. Recently they arrested an individual of Middle Eastern descent. He was actually swimming ashore. And when he was questioned about what he was doing on American soil, he replied with answers like, "Allah is great," and, "Bush is the devil," and that is all he would say.

Stories like this prove the same warfare that let us conquer the Japanese

islands in World War II is in play on our shores. It was called island hopping back in World War II, when the American marines would go from island to island getting ever closer to the Japanese homeland. Island hopping.

But after marines were sent to capture an island in the Pacific, they would move on to the next island, getting closer, and it worked, and it worked in the Pacific. But now this strategy is being used against the United States, and the invasion of Puerto Rico poses a national security issue, 272 miles of a border that needs to be protected.

But another island is being targeted first by these island-hopping invaders. It is called Mona Island. That is also a part of the United States, part of Puerto Rico. It is right here, Mr. Speaker, next to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and then you see this little island called the Mona Island, very close to Puerto Rico.

This island is inhabited basically by a bunch of botanists, for lack of a better phrase, and they are investigating whatever nature resources there are there. It is a 25-mile nature preserve. And the biologists and naturalists that are there aren't the only people there. It is a breeding ground for illegals.

You see, what happens, Mr. Speaker, illegals stop off at Mona Island. They are Cubans, Chinese, Dominicans, Middle Easterners, South Americans and any other illegals from around the world.

They land on Mona Island, the first island-hopping stop in their Caribbean trip, and then they move over to the mainland of Puerto Rico. They make their way to Puerto Rico, where, at any given time, there are only four Border Patrol agents on patrol for 272 miles of border or coastline.

Then when illegals get to Puerto Rico, once they land, what they do is they find someone to sell them a fake American driver's license, pretend to be a U.S. citizen, and then catch an airplane to the heartland of America.

Mr. Speaker, we are being invaded by land and by sea. The obligation of the U.S. Government is to protect its citizens. That is the number one obligation of this government. We must protect our citizens from invasion from all foreign nations by any means. The border war includes the American held island of Puerto Rico and Mona Island.

Mr. Speaker, while we are sending more Border Patrol and National Guard to our southern border, we are losing ground in Puerto Rico. This island hopping must stop.

Why aren't we using the resources of the Coast Guard to protect our coasts from this unlawful invasion into Puerto Rico? There is a concentrated effort by other nations to infiltrate our national borders. It also happens to be illegal.

The government must have the will to protect our borders like we protect the borders of other nations throughout the world. Meanwhile, the battle

for the border continues on the homeland, the second front.

That's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### SUPPORT THE DECENT WORKING CONDITIONS AND FAIR COMPETITION ACT

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to replace Mr. PALLONE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Ohio is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, if you live in Toledo or Dayton or Youngstown, or if you live in Mansfield, Ohio, or Hamilton, Ohio, or Lima, Ohio, you know that the Federal Government's trade policies are undermining American manufacturers. And if you live in Marion or Portsmouth or Springfield, Ohio, you know that our trade policies are encouraging the spread of abusive sweatshop practices.

China is the world's sweatshop leader, with repressive labor policies resulting in wage suppression of as much as 85 percent. We all know that American workers can compete in a global economy on a level playing field, but no one can compete with prison labor, child labor or sweatshop labor. The result, a U.S. trade deficit with China that breaks records year after year, an increasing loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs to China. In my State alone, in Ohio, 42,000 jobs have been lost to China since the year 2001. Much of that job loss has been as a result of China's unfair trade practices. Yet America's trade agreements are actually encouraging the development of new sweatshops.

All of us in this body supported the U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement because Jordan's labor protections were seen as meeting international standards. But the New York Times reported just last month that in the few years since the Jordan Free Trade Agreement took effect, lax enforcement and an abusive guest worker system have made Jordan the new haven for some of the world's most brutal sweatshops.

Senator BYRON DORGAN and I have introduced the Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act to end sweatshop profiteering. The bill bars the importation, the exportation or the sale of goods made with prisoner sweatshop labor. In other words, if a product is made by child labor or by forced prison camp labor, you can't import it into the United States, you can't sell it in the United States.

The bill charges the Federal Trade Commission with enforcement, and